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SUBJECT: DETENTE AND ARMS CONTROL PACKAGED PROGRAM:  
--- OWEN ZURHELLEN'S TOPIC TITLE AND TALKING POINTS

FOLLOWING ARE TALKING POINTS ZURHELLEN PRESENTATION,  
ENTITLED "TOWARDS A WORLD PEACE":

### I. DETENTE

A. DETENTE IS BOTH AN OBJECTIVE AND A PROCESS. CONFUSION  
BETWEEN THESE CONCEPTS CAUSES MISUNDERSTANDING.

1. AS AN OBJECTIVE, DETENTE MEANS A SITUATION OF THE  
ABSENCE OF TENSIONS BETWEEN NATIONS, ESPECIALLY THE US  
AND USSR. IN THE LONG RUN, SUCH TENSIONS CAN BE DONE  
AWAY WITH ONLY BY REMOVING THE CONFLICT IN NATIONAL  
INTERESTS WHICH GIWE RISE TO THEM.

2. AS A PROCESS, DETENTE HAS TO DO WITH EASING THE  
TENSIONS WHICH EXIST, BUILDING UP AREAS OF COMMON INTEREST  
AND COOPERATION, WHICH WILL IN TURN MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO  
CONSIDER HOW THE NATIONAL INTERESTS OF THE COUNTRIES  
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CONCERNED CAN BE HARMONIZED AND CONTRIBUTE TO PROGRESS

TOWARDS THE OBJECTIVE OF PEACE AND COEXISTENCE.

B. WHILE DETENTE AS AN OBJECTIVE APPEARS WORTHWHILE AND DESIRABLE WITHOUT QUALIFICATION, DETENTE AS A PROCESS MUST BE VIEWED CRITICALLY TO ENSURE THAT IT IS BEING USED TOWARDS PROPER ENDS.

1. THE EASING OF TENSIONS CAN CONTRIBUTE TO THE SOLUTION OF DEEPER PROBLEMS, BUT ONLY IF IT IS USED CONSTRUCTIVELY. THE EXISTENCE OF TENSION IS A SYMPTOM OF AN UNDERLYING CONFLICT OF INTEREST. IF THERE ARE ONE-SIDED ATTEMPTS TO GAIN A UNILATERAL ADVANTAGE FROM DETENTE THE PROCESS WILL BE SELF-DEFEATING.

2. DETENTE MUST THEREFORE BE FRANKLY VIEWED AS THE CREATION OF AN ATTITUDE WITHIN WHICH SINCERE EFFORTS WILL BE MADE TO ATTACK FUNDAMENTAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST.

3. NEITHER SIDE MUST EXPECT THAT THE OTHER WILL SACRIFICE ITS INTERESTS FOR THE SAKE OF DETENTE.

## II. ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT

A. LIKE DETENTE, ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT ALSO INVOLVE BOTH AN OBJECTIVE AND A PROCESS. IN THIS CASE, HOWEVER, WE ARE FORTUNATE IN HAVING A SEPARATE WORD FOR EACH. DISARMAMENT IS THE ULTIMATE OBJECTIVE, AND ARMS CONTROL IS THE PROCESS BY WHICH WE MOVE IN THAT DIRECTION.

1. DISARMAMENT, OR GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT, AS IT IS USUALLY CALLED IN FORMAL DOCUMENTS, IS SO VISIONARY THAT MANY PEOPLE AND NATIONS THINK OF IT AS A FALSE IDEA. NEVERTHELESS THE MAJOR NATIONS ARE COMMITTED TO THIS AS A FINAL OBJECTIVE, AND IT MAY NOT BE BAD TO HAVE AN OBJECTIVE THAT IS ALWAYS BEYOND REACH.

2. GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT INVOLVES A WORLD OF A TYPE THAT DOES NOT YET EXIST. THERE MUST BE DEVELOPED ALTERNATIVE WAYS OF RESOLVING CONFLICTS OF INTEREST  
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BEFORE WE CAN EXPECT A COMPLETE DISAPPEARANCE OF THE USE OF FORCE.

3. IN THE MEANTIME, HOWEVER, THE FORCE AVAILABLE FOR USE BY NATIONS, AND ESPECIALLY BY THOSE POSSESSING EITHER NUCLEAR OR ADVANCED CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS, HAS GROWN OUT OF ALL PROPORTION TO THE PURPOSE FOR WHICH IT MAY BE USED.

B. ARMS CONTROL IS THE PROCESS BY WHICH WE ATTEMPT TO  
LIMIT THE FORCE AVAILABLE FOR APPLICATION IN INTERNATIONAL  
DISPUTES.

1. IF ARMS CONTROL IS TO WORK, IT MUST BE SYMMETRICAL.  
THAT IS , IT MUST NOT CONFER A UNILATERAL ADVANTAGE  
ON ONE SIDE OR THE OTHER, OR CONFLICT WILL BE CAUSED  
RATHER THAN PREVENTED.

2. ARMS CONTROL MUST BE LOOKED AT AS A MULTILATERAL  
BASIS AS WELL AS BILATERALLY BETWEEN THE FEW GREAT  
POWERS, SINCE MANY RELATIONSHIPS OTHER THAN THE  
BILATERAL ARE INVOLVED.

3. ARMS CONTROL CAN WORK NOT ONLY TO REDUCE THE  
AMOUNT OF FORCE AVAILABLE FOR WAR, IT CAN CONTRIBUTE TO  
A LESSENING OF TENSIONS AND THUS BECOME A PART OF  
THE PROCESS OF DETENTE. INGERSOLL

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